

Berl Perdue, Jr.
Sheriff



OFFICE OF THE
CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

March 12, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have written to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other Federal agencies and officials in the past to support the efforts of LightSquared to develop a comprehensive 4G network based on both satellite service and traditional terrestrial towers. I now write not only to further support LightSquared, but to point out the fact that LightSquared provided satellite telephones and other equipment to Kentucky disaster relief workers responding to the recent tornadoes which caused massive destruction in the Eastern part of our state.

My county was spared the destruction that many in Kentucky suffered. Counties east of here were hard hit by the tornadoes, and the equipment provided by LightSquared allowed our first responders to do their jobs in a far more efficient manner, because they were able to communicate not only with each other, but with other governmental agencies.

As I have written in the past, I am the elected Sheriff of Clark County, Kentucky, a Central Kentucky agricultural county, in the bluegrass region. As I have written in the past, cell service is poor in large portions of the rural part of Clark County. As the senior elected public safety official in Clark County, I take public safety very seriously, and so does LightSquared. When I wrote in the past to tell you that its former SkyTerra brand of phones have been provided to Kentucky officials on a number of occasions for public safety use, I didn't know that within a few weeks, I would write back to tell you that LightSquared had provided the same equipment, under its own corporate name, to our state yet again.

I know the FCC has a role that goes beyond public safety issues, and that it desires to increase cell and broadband coverage in rural America. I also know that we need to use all of our resources in this information based economy, including making full use of our broadcast spectrum. If we don't, we waste an opportunity to help the economy, and help first responders.

I understand that the FCC has determined that LightSquared cannot use the bandwidth originally assigned to it. I would think that some portion of the bandwidth would be available for LightSquared's use, and that the FCC could help LightSquared with the process in some manner. I strongly urge the FCC to help LightSquared meet any regulatory issues that arise, and help it obtain suitable bandwidth in some manner. The public safety community in Kentucky is very impressed with LightSquared, and I urge the FCC to help bring its benefits to all Kentucky residents. Our public safety officials need the help dealing with day to day emergencies as well as the terrible tornadoes that we have recently suffered.

Thank you for your time and attention to this vital issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Berl Perdue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Berl" and last name "Perdue" clearly distinguishable.

Sheriff, Clark County, Kentucky